

REMARKS

Claims 47-62 are pending in the present application. Claims 47-62 have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Koinuma 4,451,802 (Koinuma) in view of King 6,300,827 (King), Engbretson 5,311,150 (Engbretson), Dudley et al. 5,144,133 (Dudley) and Mandelman et al. 6,355,531 (Mandelman).

In response to the prior art rejection, which relies upon Mandelman, a § 1.131 declaration of Bruce A. Johnson is attached, including two pages of a disclosure document that is dated prior to August 9, 2000, the filing date of Mandelman. The dates on the disclosure document are redacted, but the facsimily transmission data is not, which indicates a transmission date of December 7, 1999.

Applicant believes that the declaration and accompanying attachment removes Mandelman as prior art, making the rejections based on Mandelman moot.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the prior art. It is further more respectfully submitted that all other matters have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit

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Respectfully Submitted,



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